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SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 4.36c. Per Ton, \$87.20.  
88 Analysis Beets, 11s. 7½d. Per Ton, \$103.00.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, March 28.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, Trace.  
Temperature, Max. 79; Min. 66. Weather, Fair.

## THAT LONG DISTANCE WIRE.

The establishment of a long distance telephone wire between the White House and the residence of ex-Representative Charles P. Taft, the President's brother in Cincinnati, is of far more significance than the few words of the newspaper announcements indicated. It is all very interesting that this line is to be for the exclusive use of the President and his brother between 6 p. m. and 6 a. m. daily and that it will cost Charles P. Taft \$24,000 a year.

It is also very interesting to know that nobody along the line can possibly "butt in" and that there will have to be no calling of central not no waiting for the connection to be established. President Taft can simply step into a booth in the White House, ring the bell, and wait till his brother can be called to the wire, or vice versa.

But there is much more than this of popular interest in the arrangement. There may be many family conversations and exchanges of personal messages. The exclusive telephone line, however, means that ex-Representative Taft will be his distinguished brother's constant adviser on administration and political topics from this time on. It is supposed that the President will consult him freely about the problems of the day as these arise and that they will exchange opinions frankly about current developments.

The President has had many advisers, most of them able men, during the year and more he has been in the White House. He has been friendly with the big chiefs of the party and has relied upon them. But there has been a general conviction in Washington that he has not had the advantage of as good advice as a President is entitled to. "Who are the President's advisers, anyway?" has been a frequently recurring question among influential Republicans in Washington. The question is being asked as much now as it was being asked three months ago. No one seems to stand in the position of an adviser in whom the President has absolute confidence on general party matters. The President has plenty of friends, but none of them seems ready to champion his measures and support the acts of his administration as vigorously as is desirable.

Charles P. Taft is counted as something of a politician. The President has more confidence in his brother's judgment than in any of the officials about him at Washington. The exclusive telephone line will give the President the advantage of that advice daily. It will be given both regarding the Ohio situation, in which the President is naturally concerned, and about the entire range of affairs with which the President has to do.

The politicians will watch sharply for indications of the influence upon the President of the advice he obtains over that telephone wire to Charles P. Taft's residence in Cincinnati. It will certainly become a matter of comment in political circles. When the President declines an answer on a given proposition or asks his elder to return tomorrow, there will be plenty of people to say: "Ah, ha, wants to wait till the telephone wire to Cincinnati is set up tonight. He wants to talk with Charles P. about that matter. See?"

The result may be that politicians having business before the President will in many instances seek to "sound" Charles P. about it and ascertain his probable attitude. That is the way of politics and politicians.

The feelings of the cabinet toward the exclusive wire will probably be the subject of private comments among the nine members thereof, few, or none, of which comments are likely to reach the public. For the momentous questions of an administration are often discussed around the cabinet table. However, it always happens that a President gradually narrows his more important confidences to two or three or four members of his cabinet, whose judgment and sound sense appeal to him most strongly. It used to be said that President Harrison depended more upon the judgment of "Uncle Jerry" Rusk, his secretary of agriculture, than upon any other member of his cabinet.

In these modern days it is really a fact, of which the public is not generally aware, that there are wheels within wheels in the cabinet and that many of the more important administration and political questions are not submitted at cabinet meetings at all, or if so, only in a general way, and that the vital questions are discussed with only a very few members of the cabinet and at meetings apart from the usual biweekly meetings at which all nine cabinet officials are supposed to attend.

Of course it is quite well understood that while the cabinet comprises the official advisers of the President, there are often other and more influential advisers. There were "kitchen cabinets" as far back as the days of Andrew Jackson and there have been many since then. President McKinley, who was a great stickler for official regularity in all things, had exceedingly influential advisers outside of his cabinet. Mr. Fairbanks, then a senator and since then vice president, was one of them. President Roosevelt had his tennis cabinet, which included one or two members of his regular cabinet, French Ambassador Jusserand, and two or three subordinate departmental officials in Washington. Not all of them by any means were men with whom President Roosevelt advised about matters of state. But it was none the less a fact that members of the tennis cabinet like Gifford Pinchot, James R. Garfield and Robert Bacon, had Mr. Roosevelt's confidence about numerous administration matters to an unwelcome degree, more than some members of his regular cabinet. Mr. Garfield and Mr. Bacon, of course, eventually were given seats about his cabinet table.

The long and short of it is that every President needs sound advisers, as does every man who has important undertakings on hand. And every President, or nearly every President, seeks such advisers and feels that he is not bound by any conventionalities of politics or of official surroundings about selecting them. The people have always apparently approved of their President exercising the greatest latitude in obtaining his advisers, notwithstanding the flings about "kitchen cabinets," "tennis cabinets," "backstairs influences," and the like.

President Taft has sought advice from many quarters, since he came into office but it has been said that he does not follow advice, preferring after he has heard what there is to be spoken on this side and that to go ahead and do about as he intended to do, without regard to the warnings of advisers. Whether that be true or not, the President in office has been one of the most judicial of men in the White House. He rarely shows impatience with people who come to state their case, whether it be political or routine. An appeal for a hearing always commands his attention. But it is probably true that there is no one official around him, who comes to talk to the President with that brutal frankness which friends sometimes indulge in. Mr. Taft has not shown that he welcomed that kind of conversation and as that impression has gone abroad, the men in Washington who are accustomed to advise with him have borne it carefully in mind. There were a few, as has often been told, who did exercise that privilege with Roosevelt. His secretary, William Loch, Jr., did. As much was true of Elton Root, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and others.

## THAT PAVING CONTRACT.

It is to be hoped that the snags which the paving contract has struck will not prevent the paving of Port street. The people of Honolulu don't care very much who does the work, but they are anxious to have it done and at once. The paving of Port street will mean more work of the same sort, for there is King street to be considered and later Hotel and other streets in the business district. The law must of course be given full consideration, but it is to be hoped that more official red tape will not be allowed to interfere with the carrying on of a work so vital to this city.

A man in Madrid ended his life for fear of Halley's comet. Two had he was not a resident of Honolulu so he could have become accustomed to the thought of the phenomenon by witnessing the three or four it has been fairly prominent in the sky.

Edith Marshall Viscount Kitchener, who will arrive today from the colonies, is the ideal type of the modern scientific soldier. There is nothing spectacular in Kitchener's methods but he has shown that he knows how to achieve results.

The members of the hospital corps of the national guard have shown themselves to be more than "tin soldiers" since they were ordered out for duty

at Quarantine Island, and incidentally they have demonstrated that citizen soldiers are frequently of as much service in time of peace as in time of war.

No other celebrity of the day is in as good a position as "Teddy" Roosevelt to give expert testimony as to whether the limelight has the taste of the delicious fruit of that name.

The newest fad in songbirds is black canaries which can sing a tune. What a coincidence following in the wake of the house-top warblers of one Jack Johnson.

Can it be the present great demand for the oyster, created by the high prices of the pig, that has caused the upward trend of the price of pearls?

## To Miss Honolulu

I've written poems by the yard about these sunny climes,  
I've stretched imagination to its utmost in my rhymes;  
I've dreamed about those flowery spots where summer ever dwells,  
Where nature's fairest flowers breathe their perfume in the dells.  
Where sunbeams seem to nestle in the nooks of Lovers' Lane,  
Where paradise is only kissed by "drops of silvery rain,"  
And where the gardens of the gods are guarded by the stars—  
I've even let my eloquence paint fancy dreams of Mars;  
I've flattered Nature by the page until I've filled each shelf,  
I've lied about each sunny State till I believed it all myself;  
But when I sailed 'round Diamond Head and took that first grand view,  
Believe me, Honolulu, I took off my hat to you.  
I fell in love with you at sight, for your sweet sunny smile  
Just seemed to say, "I welcome you to God's own little isle."  
I knew that you were Nature's queen, whose realm could know no strife—  
I must confess I near proposed that you take me for life.  
It seems that Mother Nature gave you all her jewels rare  
And placed you on a throne with which no other can compare.  
I'll not attempt to praise your charms for 'twould be wasting time;  
Mere words could not do justice to a beauty so sublime.  
If you'll permit a little song 'twill just express my vote—  
Honolulu, you're a Lulu and you've surely "got my goat."

—CHARLES ROYAL.

## WALKER DESCRIBES GREAT FIGHT AGAINST CANNON

(Continued from Page One.)

When a Chicago newspaper, some weeks ago, printed a poll of editors of the middle West which purported to show general hostility to the Speaker and also to show the attitude of those editors with reference to Taft and Roosevelt, the Speaker went to some pains to ascertain the truth of the poll as to Illinois editors outside of Chicago. The letters he received from the editors of his own congressional district were not of the same kind that the Chicago paper claimed to have received in its poll.

Ever since then the Speaker has been busy gathering data about the attitude of the Illinois editors and he proposes to use some of this when he has opportunity to get back among the home folks. He is evidently preparing to give his opponents fits to the very last and will gradually widen the theater of his activities far beyond his own congressional district and the State of Illinois. He was apparently never in better physical condition for a stamping tour, in spite of his advanced years, and will probably continue his practice this autumn of speaking in many close congressional districts.

The Speaker has been coming to the President's assistance in getting the legislative program advanced. He has always been proud of his opportunity to help out with legislation, over which there was a tug-of-war between the White House and the Capitol. And as his activities in that regard increase, he increases his operations against his political enemies. He makes it plainer every day that he does not propose to allow himself to be snuffed out by any political propaganda.

Not a word escapes him about his intentions regarding the speakership of the next house. Some of the more timid leaders have been spreading the word far and wide that Mr. Cannon would not be elected Speaker again, even should the next house have an overwhelming Republican majority. But that kind of talk is not heard around the Speaker's offices. The Republicans who hope he will not run again for Speaker have ceased to make inquiries about it and feel that it is wiser to let "Uncle Joe" alone. He will not give them any encouragement. His career in the house has been long and distinguished and he does not propose to close it by any ignominious surrender. If he goes down it will probably be with his fighting clothes on.

And unless all signs fail, Speaker Cannon will be a force to recognize in the approaching congressional campaign. The leaders are coming to see that, whatever his ultimate decision about the speakership, his friends are sufficiently powerful to make trouble if he is not treated with consideration. They are powerful enough to make trouble in the campaign and powerful enough, probably, to make it impossible to elect any Republican as his successor whom he does not approve. Realizing that fully, the Speaker's opponents are governing themselves accordingly and are not so aggressive toward him as they were when the congressional season was younger and his supporters were eager for the fray. Then, on the other hand, his cooperation is seen to be necessary to get much of the legislation that the President wants and there is less disposition to provoke him from that quarter.

There may soon come a test to decide whether the Speaker is willing to hold out the olive branch to the insurgents and neutralists. This will be by reason of the death of Representative James Breck Perkins, of Rochester, New York, who was chairman of the committee on foreign affairs. That is an important committee of the house, which prepared the annual diplomatic and consular appropriation bill and handles considerable other legislation of importance.

Representative B. J. Foster, of Burlington, Vermont, is the ranking Republican member of that committee and as matters stand it would be quite certain to select Mr. Perkins. But Mr. Perkins is one of the most disaffected. Some would class him as a full-fledged insurgent. Some weeks ago there was a banquet of the Republican congressional committee—an annual affair—at which there was post-

prandial discussion of numerous topics affecting the issues of the next campaign. At that banquet Mr. Foster delivered himself of the opinion that when Speaker Cannon has served out his present term he would have served eight years continuously, longer than any other Speaker ever served continuously and as long as the American people had ever elected a President to serve them.

Mr. Foster added that he thought it would be time for a change in the speakership when Mr. Cannon put down his gavel at the close of the present congress. The people of his district thought as much, he declared, and he was with them. Mr. Cannon was present when Mr. Foster delivered that speech and was also an attentive listener some days ago in the house when Mr. Foster expressed somewhat similar sentiments in debate. The two men have continued to be good personal friends but as Mr. Foster has been so outspoken, more outspoken, in some ways, than any other Republican of the house, it is very much of a question whether the Speaker will care to promote the Vermontor to a good chairmanship.

The rules of the house are very specific that in case of the death of a chairman the Speaker must appoint a successor. In the case of the resignation of a chairman the committee may elect his successor. Last summer, when he made up his house committees, the Speaker sidetracked two or three prominent insurgents, including chairmen of committees. He may now sidetrack Mr. Foster. But he may do the sidetracking soon or he may choose to defer the transaction till the beginning of the next session of congress. He is saying nothing about his plans and Representative Foster is very much on the anxious bench in the meantime.

## HARDSHIPS TOLD BEFORE LEAGUE

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publican nomination for mayor, is getting up an organization in almost every precinct, or his friends are, which is the same thing. With or without Kuchio's consent, the name of Delegate Kuchio is being used a good deal in Lane's support. It was stated yesterday, by an opponent of Lane, that Kuchio was going to insist on the nomination of Lane, as he did last time.

On the other hand, Kuchio is being advised to keep out of the local contests for nominations, and to confine himself to general support of the Republican ticket.

Confirmation of the report published in The Advertiser several days ago, as to the apparent effort to stall the Republican precinct rolls, was given yesterday. In a number of cases well-known Democrats who have asked to enter their names as Republicans have been turned down.

The Chinese voters of Honolulu are taking a very early interest in the coming campaign. A couple of days ago their leaders got together for the purpose of organization. They held a conference with Loren Andrews, the Republican leader, with a view to organizing Republican clubs.

It is estimated that there will be about 100 Chinese voters on the roll of the proposed organization. Its members will be members of the various Republican precinct clubs of the precincts in which they reside, but at the same time they will be affiliated with their own general Chinese Republican club.

## FLORAL PARADE SOUVENIR.

The beautiful souvenir of the recent Floral Parade, the official publication of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, is to be had at the office of the Hawaiian Gazette Company, 65 south King street. This is a handsome souvenir of one of the gala events of the year in Honolulu, and it conveys a clear idea of the manner of celebrating Washington's birthday in Hawaii. The book is sold for twenty-five cents. By mail to any part of the world for twenty-eight cents. They are enclosed in envelopes ready for mailing.

## LOCAL CHINESE ON YALE FRESHMAN TEAM

According to a dispatch from New Haven, Mon Yin Ching of Honolulu is a promising candidate for the Yale freshman ball team. The Chinese has surprised the coaches with his ability to handle the bat. He has no apparent difficulty in hitting the best pitchers in the squad, and his hits are generally hot liners which look like the work of an expert.

## At the Theaters

"Shore Acres," James Herne's drama of pastoral life, was given its first presentation by the Henry McKee stock company last night. The play dragged a little, which was not surprising, considering that it was an opening performance, but on the whole the production was decidedly satisfactory.

Charles Royal does some of the best work which he has yet shown, while Baby Royal was a whole show in herself.

Louise Melrose gives a very finished and artistic performance, and is really the star of the cast, though Louis Morrison also does some fine work. Laura Hudson is charming as usual, and in fact all the characters are well portrayed. The cast follows:

Nathaniel Berry (Uncle Nat).....  
.....Mr. Louis Morrison  
Martin Berry (owner of Shore Acres).....  
.....Mr. James Dillon  
Mr. Blake (postmaster).....  
.....Mr. Ivan Miller  
Sam Warren (the young doctor).....  
.....Mr. Bainbridge  
Joel Gates (a farmer).....  
.....Mr. Chas. Royal  
Young Nat Berry (Martin's son).....  
.....Mr. Griffith Wray  
Bob Berry (Martin's son).....  
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.....Bingham Perivola  
Doc Leonard.....  
.....Henry Alexander  
Hired Girl.....  
.....Miss Edith Elliott  
Miss Nye.....  
.....Eva Gette  
Mrs. Andrews.....  
.....Ora Ellsworth  
Ann or Ma Berry (Martin's wife).....  
.....Miss Louise Melrose  
Mildred (Ma's baby girl).....  
.....Minnie Rhodes  
Mandy Gates (Joel's girl).....  
.....Edith Royal Elliott  
Helen Berry (Martin's oldest daughter).....  
.....Miss Laura Hudson

## ASTRONOMER HERE TO OBSERVE COMET

Prof. Ferdinand Ellerman, head of the comet committee of the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America, arrived in Honolulu yesterday on the Korea to photograph the Halley comet for the Mount Wilson observatory of California. Prof. Ellerman will remain here about two months. He will be in touch with the local scientific men who are preparing to observe the comet, and will be given every assistance to render his visit fruitful.

Chronicle—Frank Unger will sail Tuesday for Honolulu as the guest of Colonel Sam Parker, who will accompany Queen Liliuokalani to her home in the Islands. He will visit friends in Honolulu for a month or two.

## CONFIDENCE

said Lord Chatham, "is a plant of slow growth." People believe in things that they see, and in a broad sense they are right. What is sometimes called blind faith is not faith at all. There must be reason and fact to form a foundation for trust. In regard to a medicine or remedy, for example, people ask, "Has it cured others?" Have cases like mine been relieved by it? Is it in harmony with the truths of modern science, and has it a record above suspicion? If so, it is worthy of confidence; and if I am ever attacked by any of the maladies for which it is commended, I shall resort to it in full belief in its power to help me." On these lines

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